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Dear Mayor Murray, Council President Burgess, & Dr. Jensen:

On April 22, 2015, I made some comments regarding the needs of Chai and Bamboo without having full information about their options. Since then, I have reviewed the findings of the Expert Review Panel and I am writing today to share my views.

I still very firmly believe that Chai and Bamboo should be moved to a multi-generational herd, as recommended by the Expert Review Panel. I have also reviewed the options for Chai and Bamboo to be relocated into a social herd of Indian Elephants. While PAWS maintains a wonderful sanctuary, the Oklahoma City Zoo would provide the optimal home for Chai and Bamboo.

At Oklahoma City Zoo, Chai and Bamboo would join a family of elephants, including two young adults, a four year old and an infant. Elephants are highly intelligent animals with deep emotional connections and complex social structures. Chai and Bamboo will be able to live more fully within this more complete family herd.

I hope you will act soon to secure the well-being of these two amazing beings. The caliber of the team of professionals making this recommendation is impressive. I hope the weight of their experience, expertise and concern for Chai and Bamboo will convince you to help them transition to their new home at Oklahoma City Zoo.

Yours sincerely,

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